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K-254 scrutinized after fatal wrecks

Three people die in crashes at Greenwich, Webb crossings

By Chris Strunk

Three people were killed and three were injured in three separate wrecks in a span of three days on K-254. Now, state highway officials are looking at the highway's intersections with Greenwich, Webb and Rock Road to determine whether additional safety measures can be taken there. The wrecks occurred Aug. 14 and

Aug. 16. Two people were killed Aug. 14 and one was injured when three vehicles collided at Greenwich and K-254. The Kansas Highway Patrol said Michael A. Turner, 45, of El Dorado, and Lance P. Smith, 53, also of El Dorado, died when the vehicle they were in collided with a truck at K-254 and Greenwich. The patrol said it was unclear

who had been driving the 2003 Ford passenger car. It was northbound on Greenwich and failed to stop at the K-254 stop sign, colliding with an eastbound truck driven by Steven Cloud, 52, of Benton. Cloud suffered injuries and was taken to St. Francis. The collision sent Cloud's truck into a third vehicle, which also was eastbound on the highway. None of the five people inside was hurt, the patrol

said. About 2:20 a.m. Aug. 16, a two-vehicle wreck killed a woman and injured a man on K-254 and Webb Road. The patrol said a 2005 Chevy Trailblazer driven by Hunter Vaught, 18, of Cassoday, was eastbound on K-254 when a 2004 Mitsubishi Galant driven

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The Bel Aire Rec Center at 5251 E. 48th North will be operating on a decreased budget in 2011, but the facility will stay open and fully staffed.

Budget woes

Rec center's future was in doubt during latest round of budget talks

By Matt Heilman

The Bel Aire City Council had difficult decisions to make and not much time to make them. From the time annual budget talks started near the beginning of summer, the council had to keep the city afloat without burdening taxpayers or eliminating municipal services. Add to that the city's land debt that nearly cost it its charter, and it's no wonder that drastic budget cuts were rumored. Rumors began to circulate about a switch in fire services from Sedgwick County to the City of Wichita, and cuts to city services. Besides considering whether to switch fire services from Sedgwick County to the City of

Wichita and the potential loss of personnel in the Bel Aire Police Department, the discussion item that drew the biggest public response was the future of the Bel Aire Rec Center. For about three months, rec center director Brian Hayes and his staff carried on with day-to-day duties while facing the possibility that their facility would be closed. "There was some unrest among staff, I'm not gonna lie to ya," Hayes said. "We just worked hard to do what we could to give the council and administrator what he needed to make some decisions." At the Aug. 3 council meeting, about 50 rec center

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Bel Aire Rec Center director Brian Hayes uses the facility's tractor to aerate Bermuda grass near one of the baseball fields. To save costs, Hayes said he and his staff handle most of the maintenance at the center.

City is officially Playful

KaBoom! recognizes city's efforts to encourage residents to play

By Matt Heilman

Bel Aire is a fun place to live, at least according to a recent designation awarded to the city. In early August, Bel Aire city officials heard that their community was selected as a 2010 Playful City USA community. Bel Aire is one of 118 communities in 35 states that received the honor from KaBOOM!, National Campaign for Play, a non-profit organization pushing for communities to encourage children to play outdoors and exercise. Bel Aire management intern Rebecca Meyer said KaBOOM's mission is to increase play throughout the nation. "We will be doing things throughout the community to increase the access, quantity and quality of play," Meyer said. Apart from the rec center, Bel Aire's most visible play spot is Bel Aire Park near 45th North and Woodlawn. Bel Aire has several other public parks in the community, but most of them are within housing developments, not as visible from the town's main streets. With the available places for children to play outdoors in Bel Aire, Meyer said the city came up with a commitment to play and went through an application process.



Play Day

Bel Aire will host a Play Day for the community with games and activities to get families healthy and active outside, kicking off its campaign to encourage residents to play. The Play Day will start at 1 p.m. Sept. 18 at the Bel Aire Recreation Center, 5251 E. 48th North. Kids activities will include outdoor field games, such as Frisbee golf, bean bag toss and water balloons. Snacks and beverages will be available. For more information about volunteering, contact Rebecca Meyer at 744-2451 or rmeyer@belaireks.gov.

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County commission ballots are set

By Matt Heilman

After eight years representing District 1 on the Sedgwick County Commission, Dave Unruh is seeking another re-election. He received the Republican nod after he ran unopposed in the August primary. Looking ahead, Unruh weighed in on a couple of key issues left on the commission table, as well as his Democratic opponent in November,

Betty Arnold, who works with the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services serves on the Wichita school board. Unruh said he's happy to be seeking a third term on the commission and hopes to continue his efforts in a couple of areas that remain unsettled. One of the main challenges for the council is the overcrowding of Sedgwick County Jail. Unruh said he's worked on the jail overcrowding

issue for the last six years, including serving on the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. He also supported the construction of the National Center for Aviation Training facility at 4004 N. Webb. Unruh said his involvement and experience make him the best choice to represent District 1 for at least four more years. While there's a lot Unruh said he'd like to accomplish on the commission,

he said he wasn't willing to rush any decisions to get attention. "I think we've got a lot of initiatives in action and things going up," Unruh said. "I don't want to rush any initiatives just to put my name on it. I want to move forward, but I don't want to get out of bounds." Overall, Unruh said he feels like he's the better choice for District 1 because he's worked on key issues and represents the will of Sedgwick

County. Arnold said the commission should have addressed some of the unresolved issues in Sedgwick County before they became problem areas. For example, she said problems with jail overcrowding were on the horizon in 2000. "What concerns me is that we waited for the train wreck to occur

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Good timing for bond issues

The USD 262 and USD 259 bond issues are not only bringing beautiful and useful buildings to the area, they also are giving a much-needed boost to the local economy.

In a time when construction projects across the country are waning, the \$57.5 million bond issue in Valley Center and Wichita’s \$370 million bond issue are giving local subcontractors the chance to remain on solid ground.

In 2008, the Wichita area had yet to feel the devastating impact of the downward spiraling national economy. Both bond issues passed that year. Soon after, aircraft industry layoffs began and families began to feel the pain.

This pain extended to other important sectors, including the commercial and residential construction industry.

In one fell swoop, the bond issues stabilized area jobs.

In Valley Center, the lead contractor Coonrod and Associates, which is based in Wichita, but has Valley Center ties.

Part-owner Ray Penner is a Valley Center resident. His son, Nick, a project manager for the company, is a 1998 graduate of Valley Center High School.

Together, the Penners have worked alongside several Valley Center and Park City-based subcontractors in what can be considered a local economic stimulus. The flagship of the Valley Center bond issue is the new high school at 93rd North and Meridian, which is set to open next fall.

In Wichita, the bond issue will fund several new schools, including two in Bel Aire, and make additions and improvements to dozens of others.

The progress made at the new school buildings, as well as elementary school additions, athletic upgrades and other work is a real testament to the commitment our communities have to our children’s education.

In the end, the final products will be as impressive as they are useful, and the boost the bond issues provided will be remembered as crucial to the area’s economic recovery.

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Bel Aire police part of ‘over the limit’ campaign

By The Breeze staff

Through Labor Day, the Bel Aire Police Department will participate in the statewide “Drunk Driving, over the limit, under arrest” crackdown on drunken driving.

The campaign is underwritten by a grant from the Kansas Department of Transportation. A total of 140 police

agencies and the Kansas Highway Patrol are participating.

“I want this enforcement to remind drivers of several things,” said Bel Aire Police Chief John Daily. “First, if you’re going to drink away from home, do it responsibly by planning ahead and lining someone up who is sober to get you home. Second, it can be helpful to picture

families you know, and then consider how it would be to wake up every day to the thought that your decision to drink and drive — just having fun — brought injury or death to one of them.”

Daily also reminded drivers that if they are pulled over for an infraction or vehicle deficiency, they will be tested if officers detect a hint of

alcohol.

DUI convictions carry fines that range from \$500 to \$2,500, jail sentences up to a year and suspension or permanent loss of driver’s licenses. “Don’t take the chance,” Daily said.

Daily encouraged drivers to take note of suspicious driving behavior and report it to 911.

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Through the application, KaBOOM! decided that Bel Aire was in fact, committed to increasing playing options for children.

The commitment is shown in the form of keeping up playground areas, opening

playgrounds that may be restricted, and working with the rec center, Meyer said.

KaBOOM! Senior Program Director Ben Duda sent a letter to Bel Aire outlining what it means to be designated a Playful City, USA.

“You are joining a network that is facing the challenging national landscape of city budget shortfalls and the very real

threat of the childhood obesity epidemic, while also joining with cross-sector leaders from philanthropy, non-profits and the White House that are all currently focused on getting kids active through play,” the letter said.

Meyer and Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher said that the Playful City, USA tag is another tool the community

can use to increase its appeal to potential homebuyers.

Bel Aire is also designated as a Tree City, USA, which shows the community’s dedication to beautification. The city hopes these small-scale honors can help translate to the big-time growth Bel Aire needs in order to recover from debt.

Bel Aire is one of four

cities in Kansas honored as a Playful City, USA community. The other Playful Cities are Derby, Wichita and Ottawa.

“I think it will help us kind of get more on the map as a city,” Meyer said of Bel Aire becoming a Playful City. “It’s getting our name out there. I haven’t noticed it right away, but I’m sure it will help us out.”

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by Shenai Richert, 29, of Bel Aire, northbound on Webb failed to stop at K-254.

Richert was killed in the collision. Vaught was taken to Wesley Medical Center.

It’s unclear what further measures can be taken to improve safety on K-254. Speed limit on the highway

is 70 mph. The intersections have large stop signs. KDOT officials said they may install flashing lights at the crossroads.

Bel Aire Police Chief Jim Daily said drivers should pay

attention to the existing traffic controls.

Daily said there likely will be an increase in highway traffic when the two new Wichita schools are built along 53rd North.

“I think it’s going to be even more critical that we consider stop lights so we can protect our kids, because they’ll be coming in from all directions and leaving in all directions,” Daily said.

Election

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and then tried to react to it,” she said.

From the school board perspective, Arnold said economic development is crucial in Sedgwick County to see a more concrete return on money spent on education.

She explained that she encouraged local job creation so that students in Sedgwick County don’t have to move out of the area to find decent jobs after they graduate college.

“I look at this as applying for a job,” Arnold said of running for the commission. “I am trying to do those things necessary to show voters that this is a job that I would take seriously. It’s time for a new face to help solve some old problems.”

tive primary elections Aug. 3 for the commission’s Fourth District seat to replace Kelly Parks in January. Parks is not running for re-election.

District 4 includes Valley Center and Park City.

In the Republican primary, Ranzau beat former commissioner Lucy Burtnett 3,664 to 2,898 (55 percent to 44 percent).

“It’s certainly rewarding considering all the hard work and effort we put into it,” Ranzau said. “We started in April. It’s been a very grueling summer. We went to 120 houses yesterday (Aug. 2) in this heat.”

Ranzau, who lives in the Moorings south of Valley Center, is a physician’s assistant and a military veteran. He is the father of three children who attend Valley Center schools. He calls himself a fiscal conservative.

“It’s been the economy and government spending,” Ranzau said of the message on the campaign trail. “People have to make tough decisions because of the economy. And they want the same thing from their government officials. They expect their elected officials to make

tough decisions. That’s what they’re concerned about.”

Burtnett said she will not support Ranzau’s general election bid because “we are on opposite ends in terms of what we believe.”

“When people talk about the GOP being the party of ‘no,’ he is the epitome of that,” Burtnett said. “I ran on issues I thought were important. He ran on the issue of saying no.”

Burtnett, a Valley Center native who lives in Wichita, said she’s disappointed she lost because she wanted the county to move forward.

“Now we won’t,” she said. “... I’m just disappointed. I don’t think saying ‘no’ to everything is going to fix things. I just don’t believe that.”

This is Burtnett’s second try for the county commission seat. Burtnett, who was appointed to fill Carolyn McGinn’s unexpired term through January 2007, lost to Parks in the 2006 primary election. Burtnett then mounted a failed write-in campaign in the general election.

“That’s it,” she said. “I’m not going to put myself through that again. ... But you never say never.”

Ranzau said in August he would take some time off before tackling the general election campaign.

“The kids haven’t had much of a summer, so we’re going to the Great Wolf Lodge,” he said.

Faust-Goudeau defeated Sharon Fearey by 60 votes, 1,755 to 1,695. Faust-Goudeau, a former state senator, said her narrow win in the primary reflects the trust she earned working at the state level.

“At the end of the day, I was hoping that the people I’ve helped, who I’ve been there for, would vote,” Faust-Goudeau said.

She said her emphasis moving forward will be economic development and job creation in Sedgwick County. She also said she wants to bridge the gap between Sedgwick County and Wichita.

“I’m going to concentrate on the needs of the people,” Faust-Goudeau said. “People need jobs. I want to work with everybody, even my opponents. We need all the ideas to move forward.”

Looking ahead to the Nov. 2 general election, Faust-

Goudeau said she’s ready to start campaigning.

“I know (Ranzau) has some ideas too,” she said. “... I have a mission to see people’s lives uplifted. Lord willing, I’ll move forward.”

On the other side of the Democratic primary, former Wichita City Council member Fearey said she isn’t sure yet what her next move will be.

“I haven’t given it much thought,” she said.

Fearey said she watched poll results come in with a group of about 80 people at her north Wichita home.

“We ran a clean, legal campaign,” Fearey said. “I’m proud of the job we did.”

Unruh declined to endorse either candidate in the District 4 contest, saying it is up to the voters to decide who joins the commission. However, he said the winner would likely have to adjust his or her viewpoint to best serve the county.

“In my way of thinking, we need to control growth and the cost of government, but have to have a realistic approach to provide services to Sedgwick County,” Unruh said. “Who’s ever elected will have to evolve a little bit.”

District 4

Oletha Faust-Goudeau will face Richard Ranzau in the Nov. 2 general election for Sedgwick County Commission.

The two won their respec-

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supporters made their voices heard by the council. The consistent message of the group, led by rec center volunteer Scott Schul, was that the center was a vital part of Bel Aire’s identity.

The council thanked the supporters and spoke well of the rec center, but also mentioned the difficult decisions they had to make, wanting to keep any tax increases to a minimum.

When the budget was finalized Aug. 17, a property tax hike narrowly passed. The approved mill levy of 38.97 mills means the Bel Aire rec center has a 2011 operating budget that is between 4 and 5 percent below what was available in 2010.

The city estimated it was spending about \$240,000 per year on the rec center and receiving about \$80,000 in revenues.

Before Aug. 17, City Manager Ty Lasher and the council were looking at a 10 percent reduction in the rec center’s 2011 budget, which could have taken away a staff position.

Lasher and Assistant City Manager Matt Stiles worked with the council and found a way to restore about \$9,000 to the center.

Although the cuts mean Hayes will have to tighten the recreation belt, the center is open and the three full-time and three part-time staff members are still in place.

Hayes said the cuts wouldn’t hurt his staff, in terms of the services they provide to the citizens of Bel Aire.

“We’re pleased with what the city council did and what the city manager’s office did,



Bel Aire resident Brent Atwater (right) uses the Bel Aire Rec Center’s basketball court to instruct players from the Wichita area. On Aug. 18, Atwater went through shooting, passing and dribbling drills with a couple of students, including Sam Lair (left), a student from Wichita Collegiate.

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because it’s not really going to affect programs,” Hayes said. “We’re going to have to tighten our belts. We’re going to have to maybe organize what everybody does and farm that out even more than we already do.”

Hayes said he and his staff do it all at the rec center, including most of the facility, equipment and mechanical maintenance. For example, Hayes and his staff built the baseball fields outside the center and constructed a 900-square-foot storage garage. He also has farming experience, which allows him to make most repairs on the center’s tractor. Hayes and his staff are also responsible for the operation and maintenance of the community swimming pool in the Central Park development.

“If we can fix it ourselves, we do it,” Hayes said. “We don’t hire contractors to do it.”

The rec center staff also works to get the most use out of their facilities. Bel Aire resident and former college basketball player Brent Atwater conducts year-round instruction in the gym at the rec center when he’s not coaching AAU and MAYB tournament teams in the summer.

Hayes said the partnership with Atwater has been mutually beneficial. Looking ahead, he discussed streamlining some activities and collaborating more with schools and nearby community rec centers as a way to keep expenses down.

Hayes said he’s aware that the council will have to continue to make difficult financial decisions.

“We’re not really nervous, but we’re just, maybe anxious to see what happens,” Hayes said. “But, I can’t let that get us because we’ve still got a job to do and that’s what we’re going

to do.”

Bel Aire Police Chief John Daily carries the same attitude. At one point, his department was facing cuts that would have resulted in terminating an employee. By reducing money spent on vehicle purchases, sacrificing equipment upgrades and cutting operations to the bare bone, Daily was able to work with the council and city staff to bring \$30,000 back into the operating budget and keep the department fully staffed.

He said the council also likely will look at raising police-related fees, especially court costs. The final budget proposed raising the costs from \$60 to \$75.

“First of all, I’d like to say that being a council person in these economic times is not an easy job,” Daily said.

He mentioned a couple of expensive items in need of

repair that aren’t limiting the department’s ability to work at full capacity.

“Some of those equipment issues we can work around,” Daily said. “... The officers are attempting to do what they can without reducing the amount of patrol coverage we do.”

In exchange for a 3-mill property tax increase in 2011, Bel Aire is paying interest on its land debt, maintaining use of Sedgwick County’s fire service and keeping the other city services afloat. Besides the rec center and police department, the council was able to minimize the operating budget cut to the Bel Aire senior center.

With interest rates on land debt set to spike, starting in 2011, Bel Aire employees are bracing for more financial challenges ahead.

Daily said he’s glad to get through the 2011 budget process with minimal pain.

“Those guys have a tough job and they have tough decisions to make,” he said of the city council. “Because they have decisions to make, it’s commendable that they take so much time to do the right thing.”



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NOTES FROM CITY HALL

The 2011 Bel Aire budget, approved during the August 17th City Council meeting, focuses on supporting the refinanced land payment plan. The budget includes a 3,000 mill increase, all of which will be used for land payments. In addition, operational expenses were reduced by 2,320 mills, primarily by deferring maintenance and major purchases. Instead of providing a 2% COLA (cost of living adjustment) to employees, a merit based bonus pool of \$20,000 was adopted. Adjustments in other line items within the departments and savings on the COLA increase were sufficient enough to

Bel Aire a Playful City

30th Anniversary Brick Project

This year marks Bel Aire's 30th Anniversary as an incorporated city. The City began as an improvement district in 1955. In the late 1970's, the City of Wichita and Bel Aire Improvement District began a two year legal battle over Bel Aire's ability to incorporate. The case went before

City of Bel Aire
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Bel Aire, KS 67226
Or visit: <http://www.belairekg.org/30thAnniversary.cfm>

The drop off point for Bel Aire residences and surrounding area will be at the Bel Aire Community Room located inside City Hall at 7651 E. Central Park Ave.

Intravenous solutions, injectibles, and syringes will not be accepted due to potential hazard posed by blood-borne pathogens.

Bel Aire Recreation

5251 E. 48th North • www.belaireks.gov • 744-2700
Mon., Tue., & Thur. 8-8 • Wed. & Fri. 8-7 • Sat. 9-3

COED OUTDOOR SOCCER – For boys and girls ages 9-11. We are taking all registrations.

\$49 and new student fees will be \$64 and will include a baton. Please call Miss Tammy at (316) 617-2445 for more information and to register.

COED FLAG FOOTBALL – Bel Aire will again be teaming up with the Valley Center Recreation Commission for flag football. Practices will be held at the respective home location with games being played at both sites. This is for boys and girls in the 3rd-6th grade. We are now taking all registrations.

HORSEBACK RIDING at Singletree Stables – The final session of the summer will take place on Saturday, September 18th at 10:00 am. Parents are welcome to observe. **Registration is limited, so sign up soon!**

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL – Volleyball is for girls in the 6th-8th grades. At this time we are accepting all registrations.

SHORT SPORTS – This instructional program for 3 year olds will teach basic sports skills including throwing, catching, kicking, and batting. Each child must have an adult partner. Pre-registration is required. We will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning September 7th from 6:30 – 7:00 pm.

*For more information on these or any
Bel Aire Recreation Programs
call 744-2700.*



Bel Aire Senior Center

All events are held at the Bel Aire Senior Center, 7651 E. Central Park Ave., unless otherwise noted and are for ALL SENIORS living in or near Bel Aire

The center is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and has library books to check out, places to study or do research and computers for use.

For more information about the center and its activities, contact Rick Eberhard, Senior Director, at either 744-2451, extension 121, or reberhard@belaireks.gov. Officer hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday *(Excluding holidays, special events or senior-related meetings.)*

Any senior can belong to or attend more than one senior center/club in Sedgwick County

Sr. Walking Bridge Aerobics Sr. Breakfast	Every weekday, 8 to 9 a.m., Bel Aire Rec Center Every Tuesday, 1 p.m. Every Wednesday, 10 a.m. Every Friday, 9 a.m. at International House of Pancakes, 3505 N. Rock Road, (Except 2nd Friday). Wii time By request or when the senior center is available.
Sept. 2, 5:30 p.m.	Learn about Via Christi InMyHome Seminar - Candle Club, 6135 E. 13th St. RSVP to Sr. Director.
Sept. 6, 6 p.m.	Sedgwick County Fire Department Engine 37, Heavy Rescue 37 and Tender 37 are on public display in the west parking lot.
6 p.m.	Monthly Covered Dish Dinner & Meeting. Families are asked to bring two dishes (one meat dish preferred) to share, along with table service. Program will be provided by Sedgwick County Fire Station 37. The public is invited.
Sept. 8, noon	Bel Aire Lions Club meeting and lunch.
6:30 p.m.	Senior Center advisory board.
Sept. 10, 9 a.m.	Senior Breakfast and Learn at Senior Center with Sarah Taylor, Extension Office SHICK Coordinator. Special Program on health care reform and Medicare updates.
7 p.m.	Senior Fun Night, bring games and snacks or goodies.
Sept. 11, TBA	Senior Red Hats Meeting. Call 744-0217 for details.
9 a.m.	Lions Club painting party and work day. Bel Aire Recreation Center. Bring your own roller.
Sept. 13, 7 p.m.	Central Park home owners association monthly meeting.
Sept. 14, 9 a.m.	HeartSpring of Wichita offers free hearing test for area seniors.
Sept. 19, TBA	Single seniors dine out. Call 558-2820 for details.
Sept. 21, 11 a.m.	Sedgwick County Extension Family & Consumer Science Program Development Committee Meeting and lunch at the Bel Aire Senior Center.
Sept. 22, 9 a.m.	Senior EXPO 2010 at Botanica, Exploration Place, Wichita Art Museum and Old Cowtown Museum. Call Senior Director's Office if you need a ride. CPAAA "Senior Gala at The Cotillion". \$5 admission.
Sept. 24, 9 a.m.	Derby Senior Health and Wellness Fair at Derby Senior Center.
6 p.m.	Senior light supper and senior pitch night. Bring some snack items to share. RSVP and \$5 need for supper in advance.
Sept. 25, 6:30 p.m.	Bel Aire Senior Center 2010 Open House. "Say What Improv Comedy Intergenerational Show". Bring a dessert to share.
Sept. 28, 5:30 p.m.	Free light supper and "Are You Ready" seminar for are seniors and senior caregivers. RSVP to Senior Director's office. Limited seating. Life Care Center of Andover is co-sponsor.
<u>Look for These Events in October</u>	
Oct. 5	Tai Chi exercise class starts. Call 744-2451 to sign up.
Contact Rick Eberhard, Senior Director of the Bel Aire Senior Center, at either 744-2451, extension 121, or e-mail reberhard@belaireks.gov to receive the Bel Aire Senior Center news, information, special events and upcoming trips electronically or via the U.S. mail.	

POLICE REPORTS

July 14 — Officer Brandewiede responded to vandalism report in the 4900 block of East Ashton.

July 14 — Detective Pentecost issued a traffic citation to Santiago Dominguez in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn.

July 14 — Officer McGuire responded to an assault in the 5800 block of East Hanover.

July 15 — Officer Brandewiede responded to an animal at large report in the 4800 block of North Oliver.

July 15 — Officer McGuire issued a citation to Jesse Sanchez for driving with a suspended license in the 5300 block of East 37th North.

July 15 — Sgt. Spencer responded to an alarm in the 6200 block of East 37th North.

July 15 — Officer McGuire responded to a disorderly conduct report in the 5900 block of East Hanover.

July 15 — Officer McGuire responded to an alarm in the 6300 block of East Crestmark.

July 15 — Officer Foxx responded to trash dumping in the 6600 block of East 53rd North.

July 15 — Officer Foxx arrested Terry Jeffries on a Sedgwick County bench warrant, Derby Police Department bench warrant and two Ellsworth County bench warrants in the 4700 block of East 45th North.

July 15 — Detective Pentecost issued a traffic citation to Lona L. Mullins in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn.

July 16 — Officer McGuire issued a traffic citation to Nicole R. Martin on a charge of driving with a suspended license in the 5000 block of North Woodlawn.

July 16 — Officer McGuire found property in the 4700 block of North Woodlawn.

July 16 — Sgt. Griggs and Officer Foxx responded to a suspicious character report in the 7200 block of East 45th North.

July 16 — Officer Foxx arrested Terry Jeffries on a Derby Police Department warrant, Sedgwick County warrant and Ellsworth County warrant, and issued traffic citations in the 4700 block of East 45th North.

July 17 — Officer Steele responded to the report of a runaway in the 6000 block of East Clarendon.

July 17 — Detective Pentecost arrested Julio C. Rodriguez-Nagera on charges of obstruction and simple assault and issued traffic citations in the 5500 block E. 37th North.

July 17 — Officer Steele assisted the Wichita Police Department in the 3500 block of North Woodlawn.

July 17 — Officer Steele responded to the report of a runaway in the 6100 block of East Danbury.

July 17 — Officer McGuire responded to a fraud complaint in the 4100 block of North Clarendon.

July 17 — Officer McGuire arrested Bradlee Allen on charges of DUI and hit and run and on a warrant in the 5100 block of East 49th North.

July 17 — Officer Foxx checked a suspicious character in the 7200 block of East 45th North.

July 17 — Detective Pentecost responded to an assault in the 5500 block East 37th North.

July 17 — Officer McGuire arrested Bradlee Allen on a charge of DUI in the 5100 block of East 49th North.

July 17 — Officer McGuire responded to a vehicle accident in the 5100 block of East 49th North.

July 18 — Officer Hutton responded to an alarm in the 6900 block of East Odessa Court.

July 18 — Officer McCaslin responded to a trash dumping in the 10800 block of East 53rd Street North.

July 19 — Sgt. Spencer responded to a 911 hang-up in the 4200 block of Rushwood.

July 19 — Sgt. Spencer assisted

the fire department in the 4500 block of Rushwood.

July 19 — Sgt. Spencer assisted EMS in the 4000 block of Clarendon.

July 20 — Officer Steele responded to a trash dumping in the 5700 block of North Greenwich Road.

July 20 — Officer Steele assisted the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office in the 9100 block East 77th North.

July 20 — Officer McGuire responded to a vandalism report in the 4700 block of North Glendale.

July 20 — Officer McGuire issued traffic citations to Jose Hernandez-Martinez on a charge of driving with a suspended license in the 5100 block of North Woodlawn.

July 20 — Officer McGuire arrested Raven Boldt on three Wichita bench warrants in the 5100 block of North Woodlawn.

July 20 — Sgt. Spencer responded to a suspicious character report in the 6600 block of Summerside.

July 20 — Officer Hazelwood responded to an alarm in the 5900 block of East Memphis.

July 20 — Officer Foxx responded to a suspicious character report in the 4900 block of North Woodlawn.

July 20 — Officer Toomey responded to a trash dumping in the 10000 block of East 45th North.

July 21 — Detective Pentecost assisted the fire department in the 6000 block of Danbury.

July 21 — Officer Brandewiede responded to a suspicious character report in the 6500 block of East St. James Place.

July 21 — Officer McGuire responded to a vehicle accident in the 3800 block of North Hillcrest.

July 21 — Officer McGuire responded to a weapons violation in the 9100 block of East 53rd Street North.

July 21 — Officer McGuire responded to a larceny in the 6700 block of East 45th North.

July 21 — Officer McCaslin responded to alarms in the 6300 block of East 37th North.

July 21 — Officer Foxx responded to a suspicious character report in the 5200 block of North Brookstone.

July 22 — Detective Pentecost responded to a disorderly conduct report in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn.

July 22 — Officer McCaslin cited Bradley D. Beckman on a charge of public intoxication in the 4200 block of North Edgemoor.

July 22 — Officer McGuire responded to a vehicle accident in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn.

July 23 — Officer Steele responded to alarms in the 6100 block of East 41st Circle North.

July 23 — Officer McGuire responded to an alarm in the 4300 block of North Stratford Court.

July 23 — Officer McGuire responded to a larceny report in the 4400 block of North Edgemoor Court.

July 23 — Officer Foxx responded to a suspicious character report in the 4500 block of Dundee.

July 23 — Officer Hazelwood issued a traffic citation to Keo Kongsinh in the 3700 block of North Hillcrest.

July 23 — Sgt. Spencer issued a traffic citation to Sandra E. Garcia in the 4800 block of North Oliver.

July 24 — Detective Pentecost assisted the Wichita Police Department on a warrant arrest in the 4400 block of North Woodlawn.

July 24 — Detective Pentecost arrested Chad D. Sueram on a charge of driving with a suspended license and on a Wichita Police Department warrant in the 3500 block of North Woodlawn.

July 24 — Officer McGuire responded to an assault in the 6000 block of East Memphis.

July 24 — Officer Foxx assisted the Park City Police Department in the 6900 block of North Wendell Court.

July 24 — Officer Hazelwood as-

sisted the sheriff's office in the 2100 block of Homestead.

July 25 — Officer Brandewiede responded to a suspicious character report in the 5900 block of East Memphis.

July 25 — Officer Toomey responded to an assault in the 3800 block of North Oliver.

July 25 — Officer Foxx assisted the sheriff's office in the 6200 block of North 143rd East.

July 26 — Officer Steele responded to a trespassing report in the 5700 block of East Memphis.

July 26 — Sgt. Spencer found property in the 5200 block of East 39th North.

July 26 — Officer Hutton responded to an alarm in the 4300 block of North Rushwood Circle.

July 26 — Sgt. Spencer responded to a larceny character report in the 6000 block of East Perryton.

July 26 — Officer Foxx responded to an alarm in the 4100 block of North Woodlawn.

July 26 — Officer Foxx responded to a reckless driving report in the 6300 block of East 37th North.

July 27 — Officer Hutton responded to a forgery report in the 3900 block of North Woodlawn Court.

July 27 — Officer Hutton responded to a suspicious character report in the 4100 block of North Harding.

July 27 — Officer McGuire responded to an assault in the 4500 block of North Woodlow Court.

July 27 — Officer Swanson responded to a vandalism report in the 4800 block of North Homestead Court.

July 27 — Officer Swanson responded to a suspicious character report in the 5600 block of East 48th Circle North.

July 27 — Officer Swanson responded to an alarm in the 5100 block of East Willow Point.

July 28 — Officer Swanson responded to a larceny report in the 4200 block of Stratford Lane.

July 28 — Sgt. Spencer responded to an assault in the 6900 block of East Perryton.

July 28 — Officer Swanson responded to an animal at large report in the 5700 block of Kenewee Street.

July 28 — Officer McCaslin found property in the 5100 block of North Greenwich.

July 29 — Officer Brandewiede assisted the fire department in the 4300 block of North Woodlawn.

July 29 — Officer McGuire responded to a larceny report in the 6700 block of East 45th North.

July 29 — Officer Hazelwood arrested Edgar E. Mendez-Saleido on a charge of drug possession and issued traffic citations in the 6400 block of East Central Park.

July 29 — Officer Swanson arrested James Lomon on a Bel Aire warrant at 7651 E. Central Park Ave.

July 30 — Officer Hutton responded to a public nuisance report in the 4800 block of East Ashton.

July 30 — Officer Hutton responded to a vehicle accident in the area of 53rd North and Rock Road.

July 30 — Detective Pentecost responded to a burglary report in the 4200 block of North Rushwood.

July 31 — Officer Steele responded to a suspicious character report in the 4500 block of North Fritillary

Court.

July 31 — Officer Steele assisted the sheriff's office at K-96 and Rock Road.

July 31 — Officer Foxx assisted the Park City Police Department in the 4600 block of North Hydraulic.

Aug. 1 — Officer Swanson responded to a vandalism report in the 4100 block of North Danbury.

Aug. 1 — Officer Foxx responded to an offense against a child report in the 3800 block of North Woodlawn.

Aug. 2 — Officer Steele issued a traffic citation to Daniel Puetz on a charge of driving with a suspended license in the 5500 block of North Rock Road.

Aug. 2 — Officer Steele responded to a trash dumping in the 4900 block of East 53rd North.

Aug. 2 — Sgt. Spencer responded to a larceny in the 4200 block of Country Lane.

Aug. 2 — Officer Toomey found animals in the 4400 block of North Woodlawn.

Aug. 3 — Detective Pentecost arrested Daviona E. Jones on a charge of driving with a suspended license in the 4300 block of North Woodlawn.

Aug. 3 — Officer Swanson responded to a disorderly conduct report in the 6800 block of East 44th North.

Aug. 4 — Officer Brandewiede arrested Candace Cottner on a charge of driving with a suspended license in the 4100 block of North Oliver.

Aug. 4 — Officer McGuire responded to a suspicious character report in the 5200 block of North Cambridge.

Aug. 4 — Officer McGuire responded to a trash dumping in the 5200 block of North Cambridge.

Aug. 4 — Officer Swanson found a bicycle in the 4400 block of North Rushwood.

Aug. 4 — Officer Hazelwood assisted EMS in the 5400 block of East 49th North.

Aug. 5 — Officer Brandewiede did a welfare check in the 4200 block of Janesville.

Aug. 5 — Officer McGuire found property in the 4500 block of North Rushwood.

Aug. 6 — Detective Pentecost arrested Marild L. Burns on a charge of driving with a suspended license in the 4700 block of East 37th North.

Aug. 6 — Officer Steele responded to the report of a weapons violation in the 4800 block of East 53rd North.

Aug. 6 — Officer Steele responded to a larceny report in the 4800 block of East 53rd North.

Aug. 6 — Officer Steele assisted the fire department in the 4200 block of North Westlake.

Aug. 6 — Officer Foxx responded to an offense against family and child report at 5600 N. Webb.

Aug. 7 — Detective Pentecost responded to a suspicious character report in the 4800 block of North Woodlawn.

Aug. 7 — Officer Hutton responded to a report of indecent liberties in the 4400 block of North Edgemoor.

Aug. 7 — Officer McCaslin responded to a runaway report in the 4400 block of North Eagle Lake.

Aug. 7 — Officer Foxx assisted the Park City Police Department in the 5900 block of North Air Cap Drive.

Aug. 7 — Officer Hazelwood re-

sponded to an assault report in the 7900 block of East 37th North.

Aug. 7 — Officer Foxx arrested Larry M. Wood on a City of Wichita warrant and a Park City warrant in the 7900 block of East 37th North.

Aug. 7 — Officers Foxx and Hazelwood assisted the sheriff's office in the 8100 block of North Hartman Arena Drive.

Aug. 8 — Officer Steele responded to a trash dumping in the 10300 block of East 53rd North.

Aug. 8 — Officer Steele arrested Lisa K. Mouser on a bench warrant through the Bel Aire Municipal Court at 7651 E. Central Park Ave.

Aug. 8 — Officer Brandewiede responded to a suspicious character report in the 3900 block of North Edgemoor.

Aug. 8 — Officer Brandewiede arrested Michael Ortega-Alvarez on a charge of driving with a suspended license, a felony warrant from Harvey County and misdemeanor warrants from the Salina Police Department, Gray County and Sedgwick County in the 6300 block of East Crestmark.

Aug. 8 — Officer Hutton responded to a trash dumping in the 8900 block of East 46th North.

Aug. 8 — Officer Foxx and Officer Hazelwood arrested Larry Wood on a Park City warrant and a charges of obstruction and simple assault in the 6000 block of North Air Cap.

Aug. 8 — Officer Toomey assisted the Wichita Police Department in the 3000 block of North Penstemon.

Aug. 9 — Officer Steele found property in the 4400 block of North Rushwood.

Aug. 9 — Officer Brandewiede assisted the Wichita Police Department in the arrest of Clinton David Klausmeyer on a City of Wichita warrant in the 4800 block of East 53rd North.

Aug. 9 — Officer Foxx found property in the 6300 block of East Quail Ridge.

Aug. 10 — Officer Brandewiede responded to an alarm in the 6600 block of East Central Park Ave.

Aug. 10 — Detective Pentecost arrested Cecil J Zielke on a City of Bel Aire warrant and a Sedgwick County warrant in the 9200 block of East Harry.

Aug. 10 — Officer McGuire responded to a motor vehicle accident in the 4100 block of North Woodlawn.

Aug. 10 — Sgt. Spencer assisted EMS in the 5600 block of East 48th Circle North.

Aug. 10 — Officer Hazelwood responded to a suspicious character report in the 5800 block of East Denise.

Aug. 10 — Sgt. Griggs responded to a runaway report in the 4700 block of North Hillcrest.

Aug. 11 — Detective Pentecost arrested Rosario Gurduno-Soto on a charge of driving with a suspended license in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn.

Aug. 11 — Officer Swanson assisted Johnson County in a warrant arrest in the 3900 block of West 33rd

Street South. Matthew J. Hodges was arrested on a Johnson County felony warrant for animal cruelty and three Sedgwick County probation violation cases.

Aug. 11 — Sgt. Griggs responded to an assault report in the 4600 block of North Rock Road.

Aug. 12 — Officer Brandewiede responded to an alarm in the 4200 block of Eagle Lake.

Aug. 12 — Detective Pentecost issued a traffic citation to Byron C. Garland on a charge of driving with a suspended license in the 4100 block of North Oliver.

Aug. 12 — Officer Brandewiede responded to an alarm in the 6600 block of East Central Park Avenue.

Aug. 12 — Officer Brandewiede arrested Christian Lee Mabrey on a charge of driving with a suspended license and a Sedgwick County warrant during a traffic stop in the 3800 block of North Woodlawn.

Aug. 12 — Officer McGuire responded to an alarm in the 4100 block of North Danbury.

Aug. 12 — Officer McGuire cited Joshua T. Strickland on a weapons charge in the 7200 block of East 45th North.

Aug. 12 — Sgt. Spencer responded to a larceny report in the 4300 block of Eagle Lake Court.

Aug. 12 — Officer McGuire assisted EMS and the fire department in the 4000 block of Clarendon.

Aug. 12 — Officer Swanson assisted the Kechi Police Department in the 4100 block of East 61st North.

Aug. 13 — Officer Steele assisted EMS and the fire department in the 6500 block of East 45th Street.

Aug. 13 — Officer Foxx assisted the sheriff's office in the 3900 block of Cozy Drive.

Aug. 13 — Officer Foxx responded to a suspicious character report in the 6500 block of East St. James.

Aug. 13 — Sgt. Griggs responded to a disorderly conduct report in the 4400 block of North Mission.

Aug. 13 — Officer Foxx responded to an animal at large report in the 14300 block of East 37th North.

Aug. 13 — Sgt. Griggs responded to a vandalism report in the 5100 block of North Brookstone.

Aug. 13 — Officer Foxx responded to a disorderly conduct report in the 5100 block of North Brookstone.



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Bel Aire Breeze

Stiles to advance career in South Hutchinson



Stiles

By Matt Heilman

After three years working for the City of Bel Aire, Assistant City Manager Matt Stiles has accumulated enough experience to take the next step in his career. Stiles' last day in Bel Aire was Aug. 31.

The pieces fell into place nicely for his next step. Stiles accepted the city administrator position in South Hutchinson, the town where he grew up. Stiles

said his mother and grandparents still live in South Hutch and his wife works at the Promise Regional Medical Center in Hutchinson.

"It's sort of a natural process for me," Stiles said.

He will be the first city administrator in the history of South Hutchinson. With "a lot of industry in the community," Stiles said he's up to the challenge, due to the financial challenges he encountered in Bel Aire City Hall and the wide

range of tasks he performed working directly under City Manager Ty Lasher.

Stiles said Bel Aire's role in land development has prepared him to come up with an economic development plan for the growing community.

Specifically, "one of the huge things" South Hutchinson is focusing on is the nearby Siemens field and development with wind energy.

Lasher said Stiles filled in nicely, assisting with tasks that Lasher didn't have

time to do.

Beyond updating Bel Aire's website and policies, Stiles served as the city's finance director for about a year. Lasher voiced confidence that Stiles is the right fit for South Hutchinson.

"I knew that his goal was to become a city administrator somewhere," Lasher said. "Obviously we hate to see him go, but we're proud he started his career here and is able to move up. I'm sure he'll do great in South Hutch."

New church strives for outreach

By Matt Heilman

Community outreach is a core mission of many churches across the country. While keeping traditional teachings and values intact, Pastor Norm Duncan and fellow leaders of the newly established True Life Church take a contemporary approach to reach people in northeast Sedgwick County. Through setting up special events and having church services in a more casual environment, Duncan said he hopes a spirit of giving can help him with his ministry.

One of the obstacles to leading a church is erasing the perception that you want something from people, especially money, Duncan said.

"A lot of times churches have reputations of being takers from the community because we don't pay taxes and different things like that," Duncan said.

Duncan, whose ministry has taken him across the country, said he joined the local chamber of commerce when he pastured a church in Seattle. The idea was to get involved with the community and give back.

"We told our group from the very beginning, 'We are



Matt Heilman

True Life Church discipleship pastor Aaron Fenlason (left) and lead pastor Norm Duncan organized a series of entertainment community outreach events this summer, leading up to their church's official launch this month. True Life Church will meet at Circle Greenwich Elementary School starting on Sept. 12. For more information about True Life Church, visit the group's website at www.experiencetlc.com.

going to be known as the church that gives,'" Duncan said.

Duncan, whose roots are in southwest Missouri,

eventually found his way to Wichita. The True Life pastor said he didn't become a Christian until he was 19.

Duncan earned a bache-

lor's degree in communication from Pittsburg State University before attending grad school at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth,

Texas, double majoring in philosophy and missions.

From Fort Worth, Duncan and his wife, Kim, moved to Seattle where they started the church called True Life. From there, Duncan became a missions pastor at an Oklahoma church, which led to his arrival in Wichita.

While in Oklahoma, Duncan said he was contacted by a Kansas representative of the Southern Baptist Association of Churches, which includes True Life Church.

Duncan was encouraged to establish his church in the Wichita area. The pastor said he visited Wichita before, but wasn't familiar with the community.

After seeing that his church had the opportunity to expand and serve in Kansas, Duncan made the move.

True Life Church has gotten off the ground in northeast Wichita, meeting at Gammon Elementary School. The congregation will move to the Circle School District's new elementary school at 3250 N. Greenwich Road this month.

Duncan said he hopes to launch his church with about 200 members. A summer full of community outreach activities is leading up to a

special event in October.

Among the summer events hosted by True Life Church included three day camps for children called "Awesome Rockin' Jam Camps, block parties and two preview church services, leading up to an event called "Jammin at Jabara," which was scheduled for Aug. 14 at Jabara Airport. The event was a block party, which featured free airplane rides around Wichita, games, food, music, and family activities.

The church's official launch is set for Sept. 12 and begins with a four-week introduction to True Life Church. On Oct. 10, Duncan said his church will begin a six-week series on people's experiences with Christ, called "Intense X-perience."

While Duncan hopes to grow his congregation, he said his church may not be for everyone.

"It takes all kinds of churches to reach all kinds of people," he said.

Duncan is joined on the True Life Church ministerial team with community pastor Jason Thornton and discipleship pastor Aaron Fenlason.

Duncan, who lives in Eagles Landing at 45th North and Oliver, summed up the church's mission.

"Really, we are here just to serve," he said. "There are no strings attached."

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran Church

Summer service times will be at 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. There will be no children's Sunday school during the summer.

The church is located at 5356 N. Hillside (53rd North and Hillside) across from Heights High School.

Find the church online at www.christ-lutheran.org; e-mail office@clc.kscoxmail.com. Call the office at 744-1242 for more information.

Church of the Resurrection

Church of the Resurrection (Roman Catholic) is located at 4910 N. Woodlawn in Bel Aire.

Masses for the Lord's Day are Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Weekday Masses are 8 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; also at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Resurrection Catholic School has students from preschool through eighth grade.

The parish/school Web site is www.resurrectionwichita.com. Phone number is 744-2776. Rev. Sherman A. Orr is the pastor.

Community Bible Chapel

The church is located at 4551 Auburn, south of 45th North between Oliver and Woodlawn, in Bel Aire.

Worship service and breaking of the bread is at 9 a.m., with Bible study and Sunday school at 10:30 on Sundays.

Wednesday evening, prayer and Bible study is at 7 p.m.

For more information, call Melvan Adair at 744-7091.

Crossroads Friends Church

Crossroads Friends Church meets at Stucky Middle School (on 45th North between Hillside and Oliver) at 10:30 a.m.

We have an inflatable bounce house (with a smaller one for children under the age of 4) and newly redesigned Crossroads Kids and Crossroads Cribs ministry areas. We also have contemporary music, relevant Bible teaching and a laid-back, friendly atmosphere.

Lead pastor is David Norman and associate pastor is Jeff Mullen. Call the church office at 361-0407 or visit it at www.crossroadswichita.com.

Fairmount United Church of Christ

The church is a community church located at 1605 Fairmount in Wichita (south of WSU main entrance). Rev. Dr. Monte Gravenstein, interim minister, leads Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study begins at 9:30. Children's church and nursery are at 10:30. For more information, please call 682-1597 or visit at www.fairmountucc.com.

Gospel Assembly Church

Located at 4230 N. Oliver in Bel Aire. Service times are Sunday at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Bible Study is Monday at 7 p.m. Prayer Service is Tuesday at 7 p.m. Praise and Worship is Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Phone number is 744-1502. Rev. Gary D. Green is the pastor.

Servant's Heart Youth Auction is at the church on Sunday Sept. 18 at 5 p.m. General admission is \$5. For details,

please contact Berniece Millsap at 250-3470.

Kechi United Methodist Church

Located at 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi, the Rev. Guy E. Rendoff is the pastor. Church phone number is 744-1221, its website is www.kechiuuc.org and its e-mail address is kechiuuc@hotmail.com.

Sunday worship is at 9:03 a.m., praise and worship at 10 and Sunday school at 11.

The PPR committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 1.

Sept. 5 there will be one service at 10 a.m. There will be no Sunday School that day.

A group will meet for walking at 6 p.m. each Tuesday during the summer.

The Finance Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 8.

The church choir will begin Sept. 8. Children's Choir will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The Chancel Choir will meet at 7:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

The church is collecting 18-ounce jars of peanut butter and tuna fish for the United Methodist Open Door Food Ministry.

Park City Church of the Nazarene

Sunday school for all ages is at 9:30 a.m. Worship and children's church are at 10:45. The church is located at 2100 E. 61st North in Park City. Wednesday Bible study for adults begins with sandwiches and chips at 6:15 p.m.

Pine Valley Christian Church

Located at 5620 E. 21st North. Sunday school at 9 a.m. with worship at 10:15. For more information call 685-2421.

True Life Church

True Life Church is a new church in northeast Wichita.

True Life will meet at Circle Greenwich Elementary (just north of K-96 on Greenwich Rd.) beginning Sept. 12 at 10:10 a.m. The church will officially launch at 10:10 a.m. on Oct. 10. Arrive early for coffee, juice and doughnuts. Let the kids explore the TLC Kids Zone with something for all kids from birth through 5th grade. The church will have gospel-centered contemporary music as well as biblical messages delivered by lead pastor Norm Duncan.

For more information,

call 978-9292 or visit www.experiencetlc.com.

University United Methodist Church

Located across from the WSU campus at 21st & Yale. Sunday activities include adult and youth educational classes at 9:15 a.m. traditional service at 10:30 and youth group activities from 4 to 6 p.m. E-mail uumc2220@uumc.net; phone 686-6765. Rev. Phil Shull is the pastor.

Send your church's upcoming events and service times to legals@arkvalleynews.com or call 755-0821.

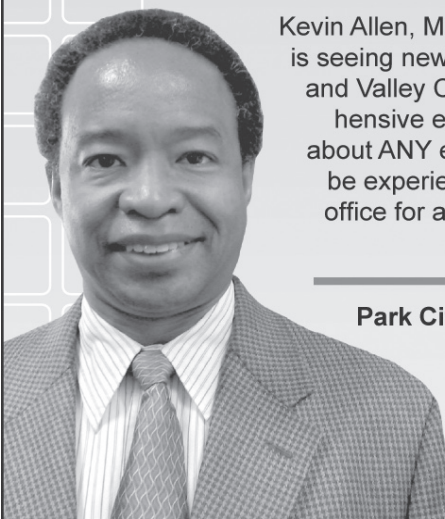


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Teacher performs well at national competition

By Matt Heilman

Bel Aire resident and Chisholm Trail Elementary School teacher Tiffany Nickel was honored in a national competition Aug. 9 through 15 in Grand Rapids, Mich. Nickel, a quadriplegic and advocate for Kansans with disabilities, finished as second runner-up in the Ms. Wheelchair America competition.

In April, Nickel was featured in The Breeze after she captured the title of Ms. Wheelchair Kansas in March.

After making public appearances and continuing volunteer efforts, Nickel joined 27 women from across the country, looking to become

Ms. Wheelchair America.

Nickel said she was thrilled to finish in third place in the weeklong, national competition.

"I was shocked," she said. "It was a phenomenal experience. I met 27 women who are doing great things for people with disabilities."

As part of the competition, Nickel participated in two personal interview sessions and gave a speech on a topic she chose, "Capabilities of Those with Disabilities and Their Right to Unconditional Access."

In addition to finishing second runner-up overall, Nickel was honored with the Nicki Ard Achievement Award, named after the 2001

Ms. Wheelchair America. Ard died of health complications in 2002.

Nickel said the award recipient "is chosen by judges and awarded to the woman who exemplifies the philosophy of Nicki Ard."

A statement on the award said the philosophy is to "always exhibit a positive attitude and be willing to serve others."

"The delegate will have made an outstanding contribution to the disability community through her talents, her efforts and example."

Nickel serves as a board member of Wheelchair Sports Inc. and as the executive director of the Kansas Disability Coalition Inc.



Courtesy photo

Tiffany Nickel, a Bel Aire resident and teacher at Chisholm Trail Elementary School in Park City, is joined by her father Roger Nickel in Grand Rapids, Mich., where she finished second runner-up at the 2010 Ms. Wheelchair America competition.

DEATHS

SHENAI RICHERT-BRYANT

Shenai Elizabeth Richert-Bryant, 29, of Bel Aire, died Aug. 16, 2010.

She was born Aug. 21, 1980, in Manhattan, Kan. She is survived by her husband, Matthieu Bryant, and three children,

Shaelyn Fields, Kyle Richert, Jacob Bryant, all of the home; her mother, Colene (Larry) Snyder of Ogden; fathers, Paul Lovin Jr. of Hot Springs, N.C., and Timothy (Judy) Fields of Topeka; her brother, Shaun (Jaime) Fields of Moundridge; numerous other family and many friends. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, John and Carolyn Frakes, Paul Lovin Sr. and Larry Fields.

Memorial service was Aug. 20 at New Life Four Square Church in McPherson. Grave-side service was Aug. 20 at Holton.

Memorials may be designated to the Manhattan Kansas Cancer Center.

Baker Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

RANDY JACKSON

Randy J. Jackson, 61, of Bel Aire, died July 21, 2010.

Private funeral service was held. A public memorial service was held July 31 at Wilner Auditorium, with a reception at James Rhatigan Center (CAC), both at Wichita State University.

He was born Nov. 13, 1948, in Atlanta, Texas, the son of the late Willie Rainge and Willie R. Jackson. He graduated from Wichita State University and was a retired physical education teacher and coach at Robinson Middle School for 31 years.

He was preceded in death by brothers Billie Ray and Richard

Jackson.

Survivors include his wife Gayle (McGilbray); daughters Amanda J. and Sesily A.; granddaughter Bresha Collins; brothers and sisters-in-law Waylon and Ella Jackson and Franklin and Hannah Jackson of Atlanta, Texas, Larry Jackson of Texarkana, Texas, Dean and Cora Jackson of Allen, Texas, and John and Vanessa Jackson of Waco, Texas; sisters and brothers-in-law Gladene McClain and Perry Jefferson, Texarkana, TX and Polly and Naymond Montgomery, Lone Star, Texas.

Memorials to the Randy J. Jackson Scholarship Fund with Wichita State University.

Jackson Mortuary had charge.

The fall class of Extension Master Gardeners runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 23 through Dec. 9. Sponsored by K-State Research and Extension in Sedgwick County, the program includes 60 hours of classroom horticulture training, combined with 48 hours of hand-on volunteer service learning to become a master gardener.

Applications will be handed out at the event. Volunteers go through an extensive training program. Volunteers for the Sedgwick County class must be residents of Sedgwick County, be available for daytime classes and be willing to volunteer for the Sedgwick County Extension Service within the community.

Cost for the class is \$100

per person. Need-based scholarships are available to defray part of the cost. Applications must be submitted by Aug. 13.

Extension Master Gardeners volunteer back in the community through speakers bureau, Extension Arboretum and demonstration gardens, youth gardening instruction, phone hotline, hosting garden tours and more.

For more information contact Angie Norris, Extension Master Gardener coordinator, at 660-0138.

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Gospel Assembly Church, 4230 N. Oliver, will host the Bel Aire Police Department from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sept. 18. The police will provide Ident-A-Kid Child Rescue Identification Kits for child safety. For details, contact Berniece Millsap at 250-3470.

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Two area high school students were awarded scholarships at the Kansas State University alumni/student event Aug. 9 in Wichita. Isaac Eakes of Bel Aire and Janae Zimmerman of Valley Center were awarded scholarships for the 2010-11 academic year.



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